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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

METHOD FOR PREPARING CELL

CULTURES FROM BIOLOGICAL

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SPECIMENS FOR

CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AND

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: OTHER ASSAYS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the title, "PRECISE EFFICACY ASSAY METHODS FOR ACTIVE AGENTS INCLUDING CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AGENTS" and insert therefor -- METHOD FOR PREPARING CELL CULTURES FROM BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS FOR CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AND OTHER ASSAYS--.

Page 1, after the title, insert the following:

--Related Application

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/679,056, filed July 12, 1996.--

Please replace the <u>Abstract of the Disclosure</u> on page 14 with the new <u>Abstract of the Disclosure</u> provided herein on substitute page 14.